**Disputed Article 27 of Consti**tution Held Non-Retroactive in Its Effects.

FAR-REACHING VICTORY

Officials of Department of Commerce Enjoined From Denouncing Privilege of Texas Company. By the Arsociated Press.

MEXICO CITY, August 31.-Officials of the Mexican department of com-merce and industry have been enjoined by the supreme court from deouncing rights to oil lands held by the Texas Company prior to May 1, 1917. This decision, handed down last night by a unanimous vote of the court, probably sets a precedent for the court's action in dealing with nearly 150 cases calling into question the effect of article 27 of the Mexi-

can constitution.

The Texas Company appealed to the court for an ampare, or preliminary certificate issued to the holder of a land claim, pending the issuance of pre-emption papers. This action was taken to prevent the government from denouncing claims held by the company. If the other oil companies which have brought similar actions are victorious, it is generally believwhich have brought similar actions are victorious, it is generally believed that the decisions will constitute the court's definition of article 27, and its interpretation of that article as being non-retroactive in its effects, and claims to oil lands held before May 1, 1917, cannot be questioned.

Held Non-Retroactive.

Justice Adolfo Arias prepared the decision, in which his colleagues concurred. When court opened yesterday and discussions were begun, Justice Arias was the first to speak, and he emphatically championed the Texas Company's contentions, asserting that the denouncement in question was in direct violation of article 14 of the Mexican constitution. This article states that "no law shall be given retroactive effect to the prejudice of any person whatsoever." He also was emphatic in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article of provisions of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization of petroleum deposits under article in stating that the nationalization is legal right against such lation running garb, left the executive in the fed denouncement of redatures of the celebration, which will refeatures of the celebration, which will refeature of the divisions, a street carnival and a military parade will be among later features of the celebration, which will refeature of the celebration, which will refeature of the denouncement of rights beld by that company on a percet of land at Zacamixtla, south of Tampico. Orders for such denouncement in decree issued by President Carranza on August 3, 1918, which called upon oil companies to manifest their holdings. The Texas Company sought to estate the features of the celebration, which will refeature of the denouncement of refeatures of the divisions, a street carnival and a military parade will be among later features of the denouncement of refeatures of the devaluation and the denouncement of refeatures of the celebration, which will refeat the denou Held Non-Retroactive. tion of petroleum deposits under article. 27 of the constitution must not be made retroactive so that it would apply to lands legally acquired under the mining law as it stood previous to May 1, 1917. That law declared that oil was a part of the soil wherever found.

Arguments by the justices during he day were mainly in support of his position.

Far-Reaching Importance

Newspapers here generally believ the decision handed down last night is of far-reaching importance and virtually establishes a rulir g by Mexico's virtually establishes a rulir g by Mexico's highest judicial tribunal as to the non-retroactivity of article 27. In some quarters, however, there was doubt today that the decision was as definite in that respect as reports would indicate. Several local oil men declared they would withhold their opinion until careful reading disclosed the exact phraseology of the court's decision regarding subsoil rights on lands held, both in fee and by lease.

There is no doubt, however, that the action of the supreme court will have a salutary effect of indicating at least the government is making a

at least the government is making a serious effort to clear up controver-An appeal for an injunction in a case similar to that brought by the Texas Company was taken up by the BAND CONCERTS.

Waltz suite, "Wedding of the Waitz suite, "Wedding of the Winds" ... Hall Fox trot, oriental, "Out of the East" ... Rosey Finale, "Just Like a Gypsy," Bayes

"The Star Spangled Banner."

By the Boy Scout Band, at 7:30 tonight, at Judiciary Square, M. A. Pinney, second leader.
March, "Invercargili". Lithgow Barcarole from Hoffmann, "O, Belle Nuit"... Offenbach Waltz, "Peggy"..... Evans March, "Washington Post."

Serenade. "The Old Church Organ".... Chambers Overture. "The Royalist," King March, "Old Kentucky Home."
Panella

Serenade, "Fond Hearts". King Selection. "Simplicity"... Lee March, "Our Director". Bigelow. "The Star Spangled Banner."

court today, the Mexican Gulf Oil Company being the paintiff in the ac-tion.

Heads of American oil companies who are conferring with government officials here declined last night to comment on the decision, and they were silent as to their conference yesterday with President Obregon and Adolfo de la Huerta, secretary of the treasury. President Obregon stated last night that his conversation with the oil men was brief and extremely cordial. He added that the decision of the supreme court was merely coincidental with the visit of the Americans and was not influenced by their arrival in this city. The conferences between the petroleum executives and Secretary de la Huerta continued today. U. S. Oil Men Stlent.

1918, which called upon oil companies to manifest their holdings. The Texts Company failed to make such a manifest and the land was declared forfeited. The company sought to establish its legal right against such

STATE OFFICIALS HOPEFUL.

Believe Decision May Lead to Further Recognition.

Administration officials were hopeful today that the decision of the Mexican supreme court handed down yesterday in the case of the Texas Company would remove one of the principal difficulties between the United States and Mexico in the negotiations for the recognition of the

atter. No official advices had been received No official advices had been received at the State Department today and officials there awaited for these in order to study carefully the exact text of the court's opinion before commenting officially.

While the decision involved the legal recognition of American rights only in oil properties, it was believed that it might establish a precedent under which agriculture and other American interests would be given the same recognition by the Mexican government.

Seaweed as a fertilizer has been found to be very beneficial to potato beds, when applied previous to planting the seeds.

TELEGRAM

### MEMBERS OF 79TH **JOIN BIG REUNION**

Hundreds of War Veterans in **Baltimore** to Celebrate "Buddie Week."

GALA FEATURES PLANNED

Former Soldiers Present From District, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

By the Associated Press, BALTIMORE, Md., August 31.—Bal timore was in gala attire for the opening of "Buddle week," which will opening of "Buddle week," which will be marked by reunions of the 79th or Lorraine Cross Division, and the 29th, or Blue and Gray Division. The famous Rainbow Division also will be represented. World war veterans of these outfits have been arriving for the past week from three states and the District of Columbia.

"Buddle week" will afford the first opportunity since their demobilization for the men of the National Guard units of New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia to come together, and for the citizen-soldiers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia who trained at Camp Meade to meet again.

Week" at Baltimore.

M. J. Lynch of the St. Aloysius Athletic Club, attired only in the regulation running garb. left the executive offices of the White House today, carrying a sealed message to the Mayor of Baltimore, to be read to a gathering of ex-service men who are celebrated in the city. The message will be delivered to its destination of the steps of the city ball, is expected to the steps of the city ball, is expected to the steps of the city ball, is expected to the steps of the city ball, is expected to the steps of the city ball, is expected to the received shortly after 2 o'clock. The President and the members of his cabinet and other prominent officials were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration, but the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay's celebration. But the president same received as the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay in the president same received as the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay in the president same received as the executive offices were invited presonally to attend to lay in the president same received as the p

Rector, Pain Crazed, 180 Miles From Aid, Kills Self With Gun

Kills Self With Gun.
Cochrane, Ont., August 30.
Crazed by pain caused by a
compound fracture of the shoulder, and with medical aid 180
miles distant, Rev. W. Haythornwaite, Anglican rector at
Moose Factory, on James bay,
ended his suffering with a bullet. This information was received today in a letter to Mrs.
J. G. Anderson, wife of the
bishop of the Anglican diocese
of Mooseone.

The bishop's letter said Rev. Haythornwaite was injured while helping to move a plano and lay for weeks without medical attendance. Finally, two weeks ago, he managed to clude his Indian attendants, and shot

simself. He took an active part in niding the three American naval balloonists, Lleuts. Farrell, Hin-ton and Kloor, when their bal-loon landed in the vicinity of Moose Factory last winter.

Moroccan Rebels Extending Their Military Operations Throughout Country.

new reverse at the hands of the n from the Spanish capital to the Paris and placed the commission in a posiedition of the New York Herald today.

Rebellious Moroccan tribesmen are extending their operations throughout that country, says a Madrid dispatch to the Journal. It is declared that the rebels have made fruitless attacks upon villages near Ceuta, Tetuan and Velez de Gomera, and have resumed their hombardment of Spanish position to hand over the district to Austria.

The government was counseled to reinforce its occupational troops, but was advised to withdraw them if superior opposition was encountered.

PROGRAM FOR FINAL MEET bombardment of Spanish posi-

Send Materials to Army. By the Associated Press.

MADRID, August 31.—The dispatch

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## OF NEW OUTBREAKS

Dispatch 8,000 Troops Into Mattesdorf—Conflicts End in Burgenland.

ALLIES SEND MESSAGE

Austria Advised to Give Hungary Time and Not Take Territory by Force.

By the Associated Press. VIENNA, August 31.—Reports from Burgenland indicate that yesterday was free from further conflicts between Austrian gendarmes and irregular Hungarian forces; which began on Sunday night, when Austrian troops sent to take control of the Burgenland district were attacked. Some 8,000 Austrian soldiers have been moved into the vicinity of Mat-tesdorf, and will suppress disorders there, but new outbreaks of violence are apprehended, the attitude of the Hungarian insurgents being threat-

ening.
The allied powers take the position that Austria need not, for the present, concern herself over the situation in Burgenland, this being the construc-By the Associated Press.
PARIS, August 31.—Persistent rumors are in circulation in Madrid said Burgenland had not been deliverthat the Spaniards have suffered a Austria, and it would not be Austria, and it would not be Austria's task to occupy it by force. new reverse at the hands of the It was said she must wait until Moroccan tribesmen, says a dispatch Hungary had fulfilled her obligations

Central High Community Center Exercises Tonight. following program will be

Municipal Hog Yard As Revenue Producer

Is Run by Sioux City SIOUX CITY, Iowa, August 31.
—Sioux City has opened a municipal hog yard. A strip of land sixty feet wide by one mile in length has been fenced off at the dump grounds, to be used as hog yards. Tons of food garbage now going to waste will be used to fatten the hogs for the market, and all profits will acrue to the garbage department.

# **WILL BEAR NAMES**

Col. Sherrill Designs Plate to ber of casualties have not been learned. **Identify Rare and Least** Known Specimens.

ficers of the American Forestry Association, Col. Sherrill, the engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, has arranged to label the principal trees in the public parks, so that everybody interested may know their identity.

That was done several years ago in cases of several of the rarer and generally unknown specimens, but By the Associated Press the placards were blown off by the winds, torn off by vandals or other- The column from Malapuram, in the wise disposed of, and scarcely any disturbed area of southern India of them are now in position. Col. about twenty-five miles southeast of Sherrill has prepared an entirely new Calicut, which came into action with

Sherrill has prepared an entirely new design, which has been approved by the Fine Arts Commission and others interested in the movement. He was restricted to a great extent by the small amount of funds available for the purpose.

The approved design is a small cast iron plate curved to fit the trunk and screwed securely into place. On the face of this plate is fastened an aluminum plate showing in embossed letters the common and scientific names of the tree. These plates will be placed on about 1.000 trees, including all the rare and least known specimens, and as many of the indigenous and better known specimens as possible. That work will begin in a few weeks and will be completed before the rush of visitors to the city begins this fall. It is said that the collection of trees in this city includes one or two specimens of practically every tree in the civilized world that will grow in this lated world that will grow in this of practically every tree in the civil-ized world that will grow in this climate.

WINS DIVORCE DECREE.

A final decree of absolute divorce starting at 8:45 o'clock.

Features on the program include recreational singing with illustrated slides, led by Helen Burkart; Ampico recital, by Marian Reed; songs and dances, by Helen Hurle yand children; Ruth Hooper, in dramatic readings, and the O'Connor Players, in a comedy entitled "Onions," with Helen Hurley and Agnes Walter in the cast, counsel fees besides costs.

DRAVIDIANS FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO JOBS

Public spirited native Christian civilians are aiding in beating off the rebels as they appear. This is due to the belief, which is confirmed by local newspapers, the dispatch adds, that the rising is directed not merely against the government, but against all non-Moslems. Madras Police Fire on Mob During Labor Struggle.

tempting to prevent the Dravidians go-

ing to work. The police intervened and,

being stoned by the mob, were obliged

to fire upon it. Details as to the num-

A dispatch from Calicut states that a

lumn of British troops was ambushed

at Kukkatur by Moplahs, a hot fire be-ing poured into the British ranks from all sides. The insurgents were dispersed after four hours of hand-to-hand fight-ing, says an official statement issued there. The Moplahs were armed with carbines sporting rifles swords and war

there. The Moplahs were armed with carbines, sporting rifles, swords and war knives, and fought with their traditional

ferocity. Malapuram, southeast of Cali-

MALAPURAM GARRISON SAFE.

Column Which Fought Rebels Has

SIMLA, British India, August 30 .-

By the Associated Press.

British Ambushed.

MADRAS, August 31.-Fighting be-Just think of the discomfort and the incon-enience of being without glasses should you creak your only pair. tween half-caste Hindus and Mohammedans on one side and Dravidians, or In-BERNARD A. BAER dian aborigines, on the other was resumed here yesterday morning after OPTOMETRIST-OPTICIAN 217-218 EVANS BUILDING 1420 New York Avenue having been quelled on Monday night. The trouble was caused by a crowd at-

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MOPLAH TROUBLES SUBSIDE.

LONDON, August 30 .- A dispatch

from Simla reports that the Moplah

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disturbances in some districts are

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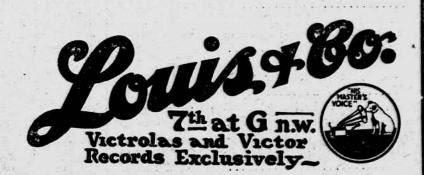
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